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I want to know more and more about you.

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# CALLING Chapter 1

Kano Miyamoto presents

I GUESS THIS IS WHAT Y'ALL CALL
"LOVE AT FIRST SIGHT."
daaaze
HUH, YOU'RE GOING HOME ALREADY!?
HEY. CUT ME SOME SLACK, MAN.
WELL I'M STAYING HERE TO DRINK SOME MORE!
I AIN'T STOPPING YOU
Aw, c'mon!

WAS THAT A GOOD IDEA, SIR? ALL YOUR FRIENDS HAVE LEFT ALREADY.
See ya!
Bye-ee!
—?
IT'S FIIINE I HAVEN'T HAD NEARLY ENOUGH TO DRINK YET!
TRUTH BE TOLD,
IT'S EASY TO SEE HE'S TOTALLY STRAIGHT THOUGH...
BECAUSE OF MY SEXUAL ORIENTATION, IT'S NOT THAT EASY FOR ME TO FIND A LOVER.
STILL I CAN AT LEAST GO TALK TO HIM...
THAT'S WHY
Yeah, right!
No really, she not was thirs big!
HERE GOES NOTHING!
CLATTER
ADD TO THAT MY SHY NATURE, AND YOU'LL BEGIN TO SEE WHY I'VE BEEN ALONE FOR SO MANY YEARS ALREADY...
Ahaha!
It's true, I tell you!
clink

HM?
clink
THIS TIME,
I MADE MY MIND UP TO AT LEAST TRY.
GLOW
?
-hem
LIM. S-SORRY! I SAW YOU AND THOUGHT Y-YOU LOOK JUST LIKE A GIRL...
'THE HELL DO YOU WANT?
GLARE
YOU WHAT NOW?
OH, ER,
staaa.re
So cuute

TOO BAAAD. I'M A GUY!
WHO ARE YOU, ANYWAY?
Funky glasses-kun.
EH—
But that's still cute in its own way
HE...
HE'S KINDA DIFFERENT FROM WHAT I THOUGHT!
BLUSH
OH, I-I JUST THOUGHT IT'S MORE FUN DRINKING TOGETHER WITH SOMEONE...
I-I'M NOT BOTHERING YOU, AM I...?
HUH?
NAH IT'S COOL
— ARE THOSE CLOTHES A UNIFORM FROM SOMEWHERE?
HUUH?
EH!?
DUDE, ARE YOU TRYING TO HIT ON ME?
N-NO—
LET ME TELL YOU NOW I AIN'T GAY

REALLY?
YOU WORK AT THAT NEWLY BUILT GOVERNMENT BUILDING DON'T YOU, SIR?
I'VE SEEN THAT UNIFORM AROUND A COUPLE OF TIMES
...
<--- Very gay
CHUG
SO ARE YOU A CIVIL SERVANT OR SOMETHING?
...WHO KNOWS
OH, YOU MEAN THAT BIG MODERN BUILDING?
I HEARD IT HAD SOMETHING TO DO WITH THE POLICE, RIGHT?
WE SELL SOAP AND PERFUME AND OTHER TOILETRIES
BUT I'M ALMOST ALWAYS WORKING IN THE BACK...
OH... I WORK AT THAT BIG SHOPPING MALL
YOU COULD SAY THAT
HMMM
REEEALLY...? WHICH SHOP?
WHAT ABOUT YOU? WHAT DO YOU DO?
DO THEY ALLOW THAT KIND OF HAIRSTYLE, THEN THESE DAYS?

'S YOUR JOB FUN?
EH?
OH... NOT ESPECIALLY
WORK REALLY TAKES IT OUT OF YOU, DOESN'T IT?
...WHAT'S YOUR NAME, ANYWAY?
ME?
KOBAYASHI... KOBAYASHI KEIGO
HMM, SO IT'S KEIGO-KUN, HUH?
SLURP
...WHAT ABOUT YOU?
HM?

CALL ME "SHIKI."
IS THAT YOUR REAL NAME?
NOPE!
WHY THE ALIAS?
I DON'T HAND OUT PERSONAL INFO THAT EASILY
—
WA-HAA!
WHUMPH

MY PLACE! AND COULD YOU PLEASE KEEP YOUR VOICE DOWN...
WHEEE!
DAMN, YOU'RE HEAVY...
whoosh
pant
HEY, HEY, WHERE THE HELL AM I?
UUUM, WHO'RE YOU AGAIN?
mutter mutter
THAT'S WHY I TOLD YOU TO GET A TAXI HOME...
AH NO CAN DO! I LIVE IN A DORM, AND IT'S WAAAY PAST CURFEW
DORM?
SNORE
SO THEN YOU LIVE NEAR THAT BUILDING...?
Mnya!

IF I COULD FALL IN LOVE
HOW HAPPY WOULD I BE
WITH A MAN AS BEAUTIFUL AS THIS...
Z Z
—!!
WARGH
KICK
!!!
mnh
W-WAS THAT ON PURPOSE!?
CLANK
—HM?
WHAT'S THAT?

DID I...
JUST SEE SOMETHING I WASN'T SUPPOSED TO?
A-A GUN...?
...I'LL JUST PRETEND I NEVER SAW IT...
SO, HE REALLY DOES HAVE SOME CONNECTION WITH THE POLICE THEN...?
NH...
BUT HE'S STILL SO YOUNG. HE REALLY DOESN'T LOOK THE PART...
snuggle

SOFTLY NOW...
JUST FOR A LITTLE BIT...
CREAK
SHIP
MH...?

strip
!
CREAK
NH... WHUZZAT?
HE'S STILL HALF-ASLEEP
That made me jump
MRGL~~
AH~ WHUDDYA DOING? STOP TOUCHING ME IN WEIRD PLACEEES
I CAN'T STOP...
slide
DAMN
NH?
CREAK

HERE'S HOPING YOU WON'T WAKE UP...
I
I
!
clack
MMH...?
NH!
EH!? HEY WHAT DO YOU THINK YOU'RE—

grip
Ah!
HEY, DID YOU HEAR ME?
I SAID STO
OWW
JUST HOLD STILL FOR A MOMENT—
I PROMISE I WON'T GO ANY FURTHER THAN THIS
CREAK
Nnh...!
...

...Aah!
Haah
Haah..
Wipe
DID IT FEEL GOOD...?
URGH!

UUUUGH...
Not again.
SO YOU WERE A RAPIST BASTARD ALL ALONG—?
I TOLD YOU I WOULDN'T GO ANY FURTHER THAN THAT.
THAT WASN'T RAPE YET
Grrr
CREAK
Ow!
IF—
IF YOU TRY ANYTHING MORE I'LL FUCKING KILL YOU.
AND HERE I WAS THINKING YOU WERE A DECENT GUY—!
!

I'M
I'M SORRY
LEAVING? BUT THE DORM'S CURFEW—
I'M LEAVING
CREAK
SHIKI!
WHAT!?

I'M SUCH AN IDIOT...!
sniff
STEP
STEP
THAT WAS HOW...
slam
MY LOVE AT FIRST SIGHT
WAS SHATTERED IN JUST ONE DAY
...AT LEAST, THAT'S WHAT I THOUGHT.

ARE WE CLOSING SHOP FOR TODAY, SIR?
OKAY!
THERE RE STILL SOME CUSTOMERS LEFT SO PLEASE KEEP IT OPEN UNTIL THEY LEAVE
HAAH...
KOBAYASHI-SAAAN!
Welcome!
OPEN
drained
Fu...
I FEEL SO TIRED...
HEY
YES?
One, two...

S...SHIKI!?
SO THIS'S THE SHOP, HUH?
BOUP
WH WHAT ARE YOU DOING HERE!?
Are you here to arrest me?
Arrest?
EH...?
IT'S THE BIRTHDAY OF ONE OF MY COLLEAGUES, SO I THOUGHT I SHOULD GET HER SOMETHING.
I'M HERE TO BUY SOMETHING.
O-OH, I SEE...
J-JUST A SECOND, I'LL CALL ONE OF THE GIRLS...
HN...
HOW OLD IS THE PERSON IN QUESTION?
UH, DUNNO. AROUND 22 OR 23, I GUESS.
hover
start
HAAH...
I NEVER THOUGHT...
thump
WHAT A SHOCK...

I'D GET TO SEE HIM AGAIN
How about getting her some organic soap?
SORRY, WILL YOU BE OKAY FOR A MINUTE?
SURE, SIR!
Freezing out here.
THANK YOU FOR SHOPPING WITH US!
SURE
LURK
beckon

...
UM...
I'M SORRY ABOUT THE OTHER NIGHT...
SHIKI
HM?
...
WELL YOU DID TAKE CARE OF ME BEFORE THAT DEAL WITH THE BLOWJOB SO I'D CALL IT EVEN

I... I REALLY AM SORRY, YOU KNOW
...YOU GAY THEN?
Y... YEAH...
I CAN'T EVEN REMEMBER THE LAST TIME I HAD A LOVER...
I WAS FEELING LONELY, SO WHEN I SAW YOU I JUST...
COUGH
SORRY?
WHY DOES THAT MAKE YOU LONELY?
I DON'T HAVE A LOVER OR ANYTHING EITHER BUT YOU DON'T SEE ME GETTING LONELY

YOU WOULDN'T UNDERSTAND, SHIKI...
SHIKI
WHAT?
I... FELL FOR YOU THE MOMENT I SAW YOU.
THAT NIGHT AT THE BAR...
I CAN'T FORGET IT, EVEN NOW.

HEARING THAT FROM ME MUST REALLY GROSS YOU OUT
SCUFF
I'LL JUST GO BACK
I...
I'M SORRY...

THIS TIME FOR REAL
CLOSE
Kobayashi-san, what kept you!?
I'VE FAILED IN LOVE.
BUT OF COURSE...

I COULDN'T GET HIM OUT OF MY HEAD AS SIMPLY AS THAT...
AND SO TIME AND AGAIN MY FEET BROUGHT ME TO THE BUILDING HE WORKED AT
So cold.
IF ONLY I COULD SEE HIM, EVEN JUST FOR A FLEETING MOMENT...
Go get your coat, then.
Freezing, aren't it?
THAT'S THE SAME UNIFORM THAT SHIKI WAS WEARING...
THEY'RE ALL YOUNG GUYS. I WONDER WHAT THEIR POSITIONS ARE?

I SHOULD'VE KNOWN I WOULDN'T GET TO SEE HIM.
ALREADY 7PM, HUH...?
AND YET I KEEP ON WAITING.
HOW ON EARTH
CAN I BRING MYSELF TO FORGET ABOUT HIM?
...I'M STARTING TO FEEL LIKE A BIT OF A STALKER.
daze
I WOULDN'T EVEN KNOW WHERE TO START

HAAH…
IT'S A RARE DAY OFF FROM WORK, BUT I DON'T HAVE ANYTHING TO DO
I GUESS I'LL GO TAKE A LOOK AT SHIKI'S BUILDING AGAIN…
DING-DOONG
MM?
!

Please let Miyamoto Kanon sensei know what you think!

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S..SHIKI!?
H-HANG ON, WHAT ARE YOU DOING HERE!?
WE NEED TO TALK
I'LL JUST LET MYSELF IN FOR A MINUTE
WH-WHAT IS IT...?
Cmmage
A MAN OF SLENDER BUILD IN HIS MID-20S, JUST SHORT OF 180CM
HAS BEEN LOITERING AROUND OUR GOVERNMENT BUILDING FOR THE PAST FEW WEEKS
...IT'S YOU, ISN'T IT?
Suspicious Person B
Sightings
1st Feb 2015
From 3pm for several hours
4th Feb 2015
From 12 noon for about an hour
8th Feb 2015
From 7pm for several hours

I WAS ...?
WHAT ON EARTH WERE YOU HANGING ROUND A GOVERNMENT BUILDING LIKE OURS FOR?
EEEEH?
WAH! TH-THIS IS ME!?
YOU WERE CAUGHT ON THE SECURITY CAMERA
WHAT IS?
...ISN'T IT OBVIOUS?
I CAME... BECAUSE I THOUGHT I MIGHT GET TO SEE YOU.
GEEZ, ARE YOU FOR REAL?

JUST DON'T COME TO THAT BUILDING AGAIN OKAY?
WHAT...?
YOU'LL BE MISTAKEN FOR A TERRORIST...
EH, ME!?
THEY'VE ALREADY TAKEN FIRST STEPS TO INVESTIGATE YOU
THERE'S BEEN A LOT OF TERROR ACTIVITY LATELY, SO THE GOVERNMENT'S REALLY ON EDGE.
SO IF YOU NEED TO TALK DO ME A FAVOUR AND JUST CONTACT ME DIRECTLY.

CA...
CAN I REALLY HAVE THIS...?
I'LL GIVE YOU MY MOBILE NUMBER.
JUST DON'T MAKE A DAILY HABIT OUT OF CALLING ME.
B... BUT I DON'T KNOW HOW TO GET IN TOUCH WITH YOU...
SHIKI...
I KNOW YOU DON'T HAVE ANY PARTICULAR FEELINGS FOR ME
crinkle
YOU TELLING ME YOU DON'T WANT IT?
mush
N-NO, I DO...

JUST WHAT THE HELL DO YOU WANT THE TWO OF US TO BE?
I WANT US TO BE LOVERS
BUT...
I'M JUST BEING A NUISANCE TO YOU, RIGHT?
I KNOW THAT'S NEVER GOING TO HAPPEN...
SO I THINK IT'S BETTER IF I DON'T KNOW YOUR NUMBER.
CAN'T YOU SETTLE FOR JUST BEING FRIENDS?
REALLY JUST FORGET ABOUT IT... I'M SORRY
I'LL STOP TRYING TO FOLLOW YOU ROUND SO YOU DON'T HAVE TO WORRY ANYMORE.

---
sniff
IF I DON'T DO SOMETHING I'M GOING TO DROWN IN THESE FEELINGS—
---HOW COME YOU GET TO CALL EVERYTHING OFF LIKE THAT?
HAHA—
BECAUSE IF THIS KEEPS GOING ON, IT'LL CARRY ON SPINNING IN CIRCLES AROUND MY HEAD
SO, YOU WANT TO SLEEP WITH ME?
WHAT—?
What will Keigo do after that unexpected question? Look forward to the next chapter!!
To be continued.

Miyamoto Ryan

# Calling
## chapter 1

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I want to feel more, 34P
so much more.
CALLING
Final part
後編
Since
meeting
you,
I've come to
know the true
meaning of
loneliness...

WHA...
WHAT'S THAT SUPPOSED TO MEAN...!?
YOU HEARD ME.
I'M ASKING WHETHER OR NOT YOU WANT TO SLEEP WITH ME!
TELL ME, WHAT KIND OF THINGS HAVE YOU BEEN DOING SINCE THAT NIGHT...?
BEEN JERKING OFF WHILE THINKING OF ME?
EH!?
WH-WHY ARE YOU ASKING ME THAT?
I-I HAVEN'T DONE ANYTHING LIKE THAT!
C'MON, JUST TELL ME!
LIAR
YOU SO HAVE!

C'MOON
TELL ME THE TRUTH
GRASP
PUSH
D...DON'T COME SO CLOSE!
Eep!
WAI
HEY, WHAT'S WITH THE COLD TREATMENT...?
YOU TELLING ME YOU DON'T WANT A CONTINUATION OF LAST TIME?
UH!
grip
!
Ah!
Ack!
IF YOU DON'T GIVE ME A PROPER ANSWER, I'LL JUST GO BACK HOME.
O...OF COURSE I WANT TO!

I CAN'T BE YOUR BOYFRIEND BUT...
THE TWO OF US CAN STILL HAVE A GOOD TIME TOGETHER, RIGHT?
KEIGO...
IS THIS
SOME KIND OF DREAM...?
CREAK

SH... SHIKI...
WHAT?
HAVE YOU...D-DONE IT WITH GUYS BEFORE?
WH-WHY—
WAH!
flomp
SHUT UP. I CAN'T REMEMBER, OKAY? I WAS DRUNK!
ANYWAY, ENOUGH OF THAT. LET'S JUST HURRY UP AND DO IT.
I NEED THIS...
THIS REALLY FEELS
I'M NOT... DREAMING THIS,
AM I...?
HUH?
DO I LOOK LIKE A FRIGGIN' DREAM TO YOU?

NO, BUT...MAYBE SOMEONE'S ABOUT TO JUMP OUT WITH A HIDDEN CAMERA SAYING IT WAS ALL JUST A GAME SHOW PRANK?
JUST LIKE A DREAM.
...NOW LOOK HERE!
AH!
E-but...
AH...
UH...
SHIKI... ARE YOU OKAY?
...YEAH...
MH...

DOES IT HURT?
YOU'RE NOT VERY USED TO DOING IT LIKE THIS, ARE YOU...?
QUIT WORRYING ABOUT ME AND JUST GET ON WITH IT...
O-OKAY...
strip
AGH...
thrust
OW, OW!
WAIT, I CHANGED MY MIND...
push
ouch
I-JUST BEAR WITH IT FOR A MOMENT. I WON'T TAKE LONG TO UM... know...
AH,
AH!
OW— THIS REALLY FUCKING HURTS...!
thrust
thrust

WAIT,
I'M GOING TO—
hah
hah
AH...
SHIKI...
NH—!
NGH!
shiver
HAAH.
HAH...
HAAH...
KEEP STILL FOR A SEC.
AH...
AAAH!
shi
NH!
hah
hah
drip

KEIGO...
Haah
haah
Haah
YEAH.
IT'S
RIGHT
ALREADY.
WHY DON'T
YOU STAY
OVER?
...YOU
LEAVING?
PAD
NAH. I
HAVE TO GO
BACK TO THE
OFFICE.

YOU'RE MAKING A FACE LIKE AN ABANDONED PUPPY!
Hehe
How mean
DON'T LOOK AT ME LIKE THAT
EH...?
down
I'LL COME AGAIN
OKAY.
R...REALLY!?
YEAH
BYE NOW!

SHUT
AFTER THAT,
HE REALLY DID COME OVER FROM TIME TO TIME.
CALL IT FOOLING AROUND, CALL IT SEX FRIENDS, CALL IT WH. TEVER YOU LIKE...
I'M JUST HAPPY TO BE WITH HIM.

HUH?
I MEAN COULDN'T YOU AT LEAST TELL ME YOUR REAL NAME?
HOWEVER
WILL YOU STILL NOT TELL ME ANYTHING?
NO.
IT'S TO DO WITH WORK
IS THERE SOME REASON YOU HAVE TO BE SO SECRETIVE?
YOUR JOB SO SOMETHING TO DO WITH THE POLICE, RIGHT?
WHAT DO YOU DO EXACTLY?
IF YOU KEEP ASKING ME QUESTIONS, I WON'T COME OVER ANYMORE
EH!?

PLEASE DON'T SAY THINGS LIKE THAT...!
Ahahaha!
WH-WHY...!?
I-I'M SORRY!
I WON'T ASK ANYMORE, SO...
I REALLY
IN LOVE WITH YOU, SHIKI...
sniff

OH MY GOD, KOBAYASHI-SAN!
HAVE YOU SEEN THE NEWS?
WHY? WHAT HAPPENED?
THERE'S BEEN ANOTHER TERRORIST ATTACK!!
WHAT, AGAIN!?
YES!
THEY SAID IT HIT SHIBUYA THIS TIME! APPARENTLY AN EXTREME LEFTIST GROUP CLAIMED THEY WERE RESPONSIBLE FOR IT
THE NEWS SAID THERE HAVE BEEN OVER 50 CASUALTIES TOO
OH—
I HEARD THAT A LOT OF YOUNG PEOPLE HAVE BEEN JOINING UP WITH THAT GROUP—
IT'S ALMOST BECOME LIKE A CULT, DON'T YOU THINK?
I REALLY DIDN'T THINK THE LEFT-WING GROUPS WERE STILL OUT IN THAT MUCH FORCE THESE DAYS
AT LEAST, WE'RE STILL REASONABLY SAFE HERE RIGHT...?
VROOM
I HOPE SO, SIR.

rustle
SHIKI...
I WONDER IF HE'S OKAY...
HAH...
AAAH...
NH...
HAH...
NGH...
HAAH

HAAH...
—SHIKI...
Clomp
FU—
ARE YOU ALRIGHT?
IS SOMETHING WRONG? YOU CAME OVER SO SUDDENLY...
AND AT THIS HOUR...
Not that I mind, but...
NH—
SO SLEEPY...
JUST HAD A LOT OF STRESS BUILDING UP...
Shift
...WHY DON'T YOU SLEEP FOR A BIT?
HUH?
HN...

IT'S ALREADY BEEN HALF A YEAR SINCE THEN.
CAN'T... I'VE GOT TO GET BACK TO WORK I'M JUST GOING TO SHOWER AND THEN TAKE OFF
GRAB!
...ARE YOU SURE YOU'RE OKAY?
YEAH.
HM?
WHEN I SEE HIM NOW. HE ALWAYS LOOKS EXHAUSTED
IT'S REALLY STARTING TO WORRY ME
Splash
SHIKI'S STILL AS CLOSED-MOUTHED ABOUT HIMSELF AS EVER
Splash
AH!

HE'S CARRYING ONE OF THESE ROUND WITH HIM AGAIN...
DON'T TOUCH THAT!
eep
!
slip
WAARGH!
THE TRUTH IS THAT I'M STILL ON DUTY BUT THIS THING'S DANGEROUS SO I TOOK THEM OUT BEFORE COMING HERE.
S-SO...
SO YOU REALLY ARE WITH THE POLICE!?
IT DOESN'T HAVE ANY BULLETS IN IT RIGHT NOW
IT DOESN'T MATTER IF YOU DROP IT
Pant
pant

WHAT?
THERE'S BEEN A LOT OF TERRORISM LATELY, HASN'T THERE?
A...ARE YOU SURE IT'S GOING TO BE OKAY?
stop
clink
WRAP
NO, I CAN'T
YOU... YOU CAN'T EVEN TELL ME THAT MUCH?
...DON'T WORRY ABOUT THE TERROR-ISTS
WE'RE WORKING DAY AND NIGHT INVESTIGATING THEM
EH
...I'LL BE FINE
BUT LISTEN STAY AWAY FROM CROWDED PLACES ON YOUR DAYS OFF, OKAY?
WHAT...?
N-NO!
IT'S YOU I'M WORRIED ABOUT, SHIKI!
HUH?

SKID
...YOU KNOW I ALWAYS STAY AT HOME ON MY DAYS OFF.
STILL, BETTER TO BE CAREFUL.
OKAY...
CLACK
SERIOUSLY, BE CAREFUL.
YOU'VE HEARD THAT ANOTHER SUICIDE BOMBING THREAT'S COME THROUGH, RIGHT?
Y-YEAH....
...KEIGO.
HM?
BYE, THEN.
...SHIKI!
HOW LONG WILL IT BE THIS TIME BEFORE YOU CAN COME OVER AGAIN?
I DON'T KNOW.
...SEE YA.
...

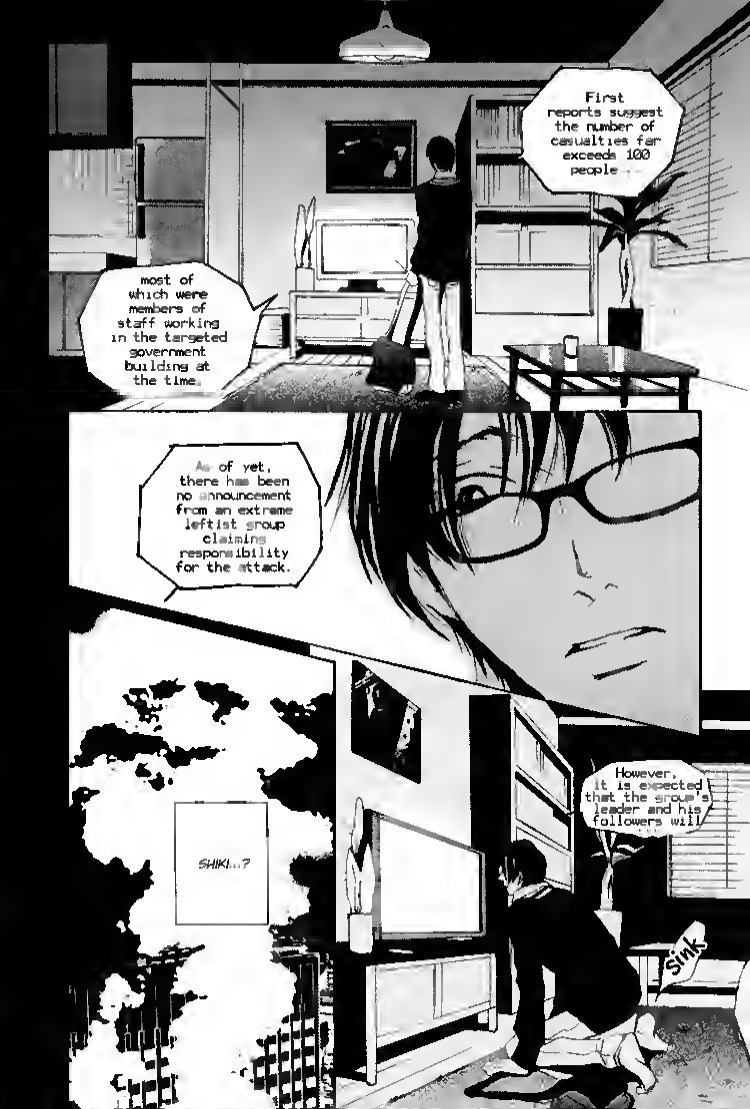
step step step
—AH,
HELLO? SHIKI?
DO YOU THINK YOU CAN MAKE IT TONIGHT?
I can't come over for a while. There's too much to do...
OH...
.. I'll phone you when I can
OKAY...
click

IT WAS NEVER MORE THAN A DREAM
Sniff
I SHOULD HAVE KNOWN THAT
BEEP BEEP
Kobayashi-san!
Back to work!
AND SO SEVERAL WEEKS PASSED
WITHOUT HEARING ANYTHING FROM HIM
The Extreme Leftist group has sent a new threat again.
NEWS FLASH!
AH!
!
WHA?
THERE'S BEEN ANOTHER BOMB THREAT, KOBAYASHI-SAN!
HAGGARD
Hmm... Ohh
IT SAYS THEY'RE NOW TARGETING GOVERNMENT BUILDINGS AND INSTALLATIONS
SHIKI!?

HEY, WHERE ARE YOU GOING SIR?
UM...
S-SORRY, I'VE GOT TO TAKE THIS CALL...
SH-SHIKI!?
WHAT'S WRONG? WHY HAVEN'T YOU CALLED 'TIL NOW!
...Keigo.
I...can't come see you anymore.
WHAT!?
...I'm being transferred
WH-WHERE TO!?
...I can't tell you...
SHIKI!
I—
I'M NOT GIVING UP ON YOU.
NOT EVER!
clench
SO...

Keigo...
EH?
Listen..
I want you to know that I...
Geez!
SHIKI?
HELLO?
...Hn?
bzzt
BEEP. BEEP. BEEP
EARS RINGING
SHIKI...?
—!
Boo

SHIKI!
HELLO? SHIKI!?
HELLO!?
...
"BEEP-BEEP-BEEP"
K-KOBAYASHI SAN, WHAT HAPPENED!?
THAT NIGHT
I LEARNED THAT THE GOVERNMENT BUILDING WHERE HE WORKED HAD BEEN DESTROYED IN A TERRORIST ATTACK
BY AN [redacted] LEFTIST
In this morning's headlines, there has been a major explosion after the newest wave of terrorist suicide bombers...


First reports suggest the number of casualties far exceeds 100 people...
most of which were members of staff working in the targeted government building at the time.
As of yet, there has been no announcement from an extreme leftist group claiming responsibility for the attack.
However, it is expected that the group's leader and his followers will
SHIKI...?
SINK

I LOOKED OVER THE LIST OF DEAD AND WOUNDED AGAIN AND AGAIN BUT
SINCE I DIDN'T KNOW SHIKI'S REAL NAME THERE WAS NO WAY I COULD FIND OUT WHETHER HE WAS STILL ALIVE
STILL,
I CONTINUED WAITING FOR HIM TO CALL ME
BUT NO MATTER HOW LONG I WAITED,
NO CALL CAME
KOBAYASHI-SAN YOU REALLY HAVEN'T BEEN VERY CHEERFUL THESE PAST WEEKS.
EH...

I-IS THAT RIGHT?
gaunt
YOU LOOK SO PALE... AND HAVEN'T YOU LOST AN AWFUL LOT OF WEIGHT?
OH, SIR, ABOUT THAT TERRORIST ATTACK THE OTHER WEEK...
EH...
THUNK
THERE WAS A SPECIAL PROGRAMME ON TV LAST NIGHT...
SAYING THAT A NEWLY ESTABLISHED ANTI-TERROR UNIT HAD BEEN WORKING IN THAT BUILDING!
APPARENTLY THEY WERE THE REASON THE BUILDING WAS TARGETED
THEY WERE MOSTLY YOUNG PEOPLE STILL IN TRAINING...
YOU'VE SEEN SOME OF THEM AROUND THE MALL TOO, HAVEN'T YOU? ALWAYS WALKING ROUND IN BLACK SUITS AND GREY TIES...
O-OH... IS THAT WHO THEY WERE...
BUT IT SOUNDED LIKE
THEY HAD A REALLY TOUGH TIME OF IT, EVEN OUTSIDE OF WORK...

AH
THERE WERE SOME PARENTS ON THIS PROGRAMME WHO SAID THEY NEVER KNEW THAT THEIR SONS WERE PART OF AN ANTI-TERROR UNIT UNTIL THE DAY OF THE EXPLOSION
THEY WERE UNDER STRICT ORDERS NOT TO REVEAL PERSONAL INFORMATION TO ANYONE. YOU SEE
IT'S ALREADY TOO LATE
KEIGO
BUT WHAT GOOD IS THAT KNOWLEDGE TO ME NOW ?
IT ALL FEELS LIKE SOMETHING OUT OF A MOVIE, DOESN'T IT...?
SO THAT'S HOW IT W, S.

I WANT YOU TO KNOW THAT I—
SHIKI...?
MAYBE MY VOICE IS NO LONGER ABLE TO REACH YOU, BUT
I'M STILL
soap dish
mino's mini shop

CALLING FOR YOU WITH ALL MY MIGHT

AND SO,

A WHOLE YEAR PASSED.

KOBAYASHI-SAAAN?
YES?
IS THE DISPLAY OKAY LIKE THIS?
IT'S GREAT!
VERY NICELY ARRANGED...
JUST ADD THE POP-UP DISPLAY IN NOW AND IT'S DONE
YES, SIR!
Welcome to our store!
HEY...
YES?

I WANT TO BUY SOME SOAP
SH... SHIKI!?
HUH...?
YO
LONG TIME NO SEE!
ACTUALLY... I GOT HURT PRETTY BADLY IN THAT EXPLOSION
I'VE ONLY JUST GOTTEN WELL ENOUGH TO GO WALKING AROUND BY MYSELF AGAIN.

Y...
YOU'RE ALIVE!?
...DO YOU STILL WANT TO KNOW MORE ABOUT ME?
IF YOU DO, COME OUTSIDE.
EH...
I'LL TELL YOU MY REAL NAME
dazed
WAIT...
B-BUT... IS THAT OKAY? I MEAN—
WHAT ABOUT YOUR UNDERCOVER WORK!?
OH. IF YOU MEAN THE POLICE THEN DON'T WORRY. I ALREADY STOPPED WORKING THERE
WHAT!?

I'VE GONE PRACTICALLY BLIND IN THIS EYE SEE
AND AS FOR MY LEGS I'VE ONLY JUST MANAGED TO START WALKING AGAIN, SO...
I'M NOT EXACTLY FIT FOR DUTY LIKE THIS
OH, MY GOD IT'S BEEN SO LONG!
WHAT HAPPENED TO YOU?
Gaze
HEHE
OH, YOU KNOW...
HEY, MAYBE I'LL START WORKING AT THIS MALL, TOO
dazed
OH YES, DO! THE SHOPS HERE ARE ALWAYS LOOKING FOR NEW STAFF!
REALLY?
EH...
OH, DON'T WORRY ABOUT IT. IT WAS YOUR JOB AFTER ALL
Excuse me
Coming!
...I'M SORRY, KEIGO...
THAT I COULDN'T TELL YOU ANYTHING BEFORE
...I KNEW THAT I WOULDN'T BE ABLE TO STAY WITH YOU FOR LONG...
SO I THOUGHT IT'D BE BETTER FOR BOTH OF US IF I KEPT YOU AT A DISTANCE...
...
...THE TRUTH IS, I DIDN'T KNOW WHETHER I SHOULD COME SEE YOU OR NOT.
EH...?

A WHOLE YEAR HAS PASSED SINCE I LAST SAW YOU AFTER ALL...
I THOUGHT THAT YOU'D PROBABLY FORGOTTEN ALL ABOUT ME
AND GOTTEN A NEW LOVER ALREADY...
H-HOW COULD YOU THINK I'D FORGOTTEN YOU?
ALL ALL THIS TIME I'VE...
smile
MEHE...
...YOU'RE REALLY SHIKI, AREN'T YOU?
NOT JUST ANOTHER DREAM...?

YEAH... IT'S ME
KEIGO...
HEY...
Whoa!
SHIKI...
HM?
TH-THIS WHOLE TIME...
I'VE BEEN WAITING FOR A PHONE CALL FROM YOU, SHIKI...
sniffle
KEIGO
I'VE LOVED YOU THIS WHOLE TIME
DID YOU HEAR ME?
AND NOW I CAN FINALLY TELL YOU

DID YOU HEAR ME
SOAP DI
CALLING YOUR NAME ?
END

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"We've had fun working with you! Thanks for all of your hard work and devotion to the group!

Psst! But we may need to consult you on where the bodies are buried so keep in touch!

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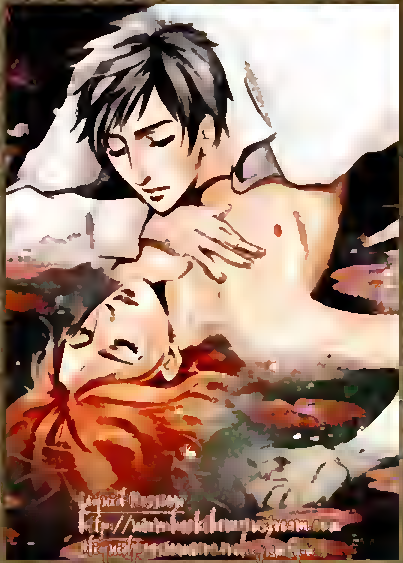

誰もがみんな
We all get lonely.
We all struggle to move on.
誰もがみんな
Night Call
Back to an adventurous time 42P
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Early announcement!! Miyamoto Kano's first Reijon comic volume will be released in the first half of 2009! Look forward to it!!

WHEW...
IS IT REALLY BEING HELD IN SUCH A CLASSY HOTEL...?
JUST GOTTA FIND ROOM NUMBER 1110 NOW
step

SIGH...
Whirr
23
22
21
20
press
Half a year ago,
I took the police entrance exam.
The reason for this...

THE POLICE ARE RECRUITING
ANY AGE, ANY LEVEL OF EDUCATION
was a single poster I saw stuck to a wall somewhere in the city
What a lame poster!
My parents died early on
and without anyone around to take me in,
I've been living a semi-homeless life, just knocking around on the streets
GUESS IT WON'T AFFECT US MUCH, THOUGH
YEAH, YOU'RE RIGHT
THEY'RE ONLY AFTER GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS AND RICH DUDES, NOT US!
SAYS HERE THERE'S BEEN ANOTHER TERRORIST THREAT
SHIT. THERE'S BEEN A BUNCH OF THEM RECENTLY

WHY'D THEY WANT TO OVERTHROW THE GOVERNMENT?
DON'T ASK ME...THEY PROBABLY WANT TO MAKE JAPAN A BETTER PLACE OR SOMETHING
WHAT'S THAT SHIT CALLED AGAIN... SOMETHING LEFT EXTREMELY LEFT
EXTREME LEFTIST GROUP RIGHT?
WELL I THINK THEY MEAN THE GUYS WHO'RE TRYING TO DO THE COUP D'ETAT THING BY OVERTHROWING THE CURRENT GOVERNMENT
WHAT'S LEFTIST?
TEAR
YOU KNOW WHAT WITH THE SHIT ECONOMY AND THE UNEMPLOYMENT GOING ON FOR SO LONG
THE CITY'S BECOMING FULL OF GUYS LIKE US JUST LIVING OUT ON THE STREETS.
OH
SO THOSE LEFT-WING DUDES WANNA DO SOMETHING ABOUT IT?
TELL YOU WHAT IF THAT MEANS LIFE GETS BETTER FOR US I'LL GO JOIN THEM!
HAHA!
HOW RE YOU GOING TO JOIN THEM?
VROOM
NO FUCKING CLUE
AHAHA
Moron.
COME TO THINK OF IT, THERE'S BEEN A SHIT-TON OF THOSE POLICE RECRUITMENT POSTERS AROUND LATELY

rustle
YOU MEAN THIS?
IT WAS ALL OVER TV
SOME SHIT ABOUT STARTING A SPECIAL ANTI-TERROR UNIT, I THINK
THINK IT'S BECAUSE OF ALL THE TERRORISM?
HELL YEAH
THEY'RE ON A CRAZY-ASS DRIVE TO INCREASE THE POLICE FORCE
DUNNO I JUST PEELED ONE OFF AND TOOK IT WITH ME
OH
Lemme see
HUH? WHAT'RE YOU CARRYING THAT ROUND FOR, SHINO?
YOU'VE GOTTA BE KIDDING
WHOOSH
HUH?
WHOA, WHOA, HOLD ON SHINO, YOU'RE NOT THINKING ABOUT JOINING ARE YOU!?
Y-YEAH IT SAYS IT DOESN'T COST ANYTHING TO APPLY, SO
AGE ANY LEVEL EDUCATION
WHAT, THEY DON'T CARE ABOUT AGE OR EDUCATION?
PRETTY DESPERATE AREN'T THEY
YEAH

BOOM
WH-WHAT THE HELL WAS THAT? AN EXPLOSION!?
THERE'S SMOKE COMING OUT, LOOK!
AIN'T THAT COMING FROM THE SHINJUKU AREA?
WHAT!?
MORE TERRORISTS!?
FUCK, MAN! SOON WE'LL HAVE NOWHERE LEFT TO GO!
C'MON LET'S GO TAKE A LOOK!
scrunch!
This could
be my ticket out of here.

My last chance to end this street-rat existence of mine.
And so
I cut my hair and took the police entrance exam.
I was sure I'd fail spectacularly but for some reason I ended up passing all the tests.
rush!
And before I knew it—
I'M PART OF THE POLICE HEADQUARTERS' SPECIAL FORCE... OR SO THEY TELL ME.
I'd been assigned on provision to the special anti-terror unit "Kou-an 2000".
What a stupid photo of me...
ring

Getting this job was a godsend but
slide
slip
EXCUSE ME
slide
I was way too busy with the huge change my life had just undertaken
to think about how lucky I was
smile
slide
giggle
giggle He's so awww cute
DAMN I BET IT'S THE SUIT I JUST KNEW IT WOULDN'T LOOK GOOD ON ME
Like I'm off to Shichigosan*
So now—

*T/N: Ceremony at ages 7, 5, and 3 where kids get dressed up in their best clothes

HN...
1110
IS THIS IT...?
AHEM
the reason I'm wandering around in this super-expensive hotel, looking totally out of place...
search
search
is because I have one last test to pass.
KNOCK
KNOCK
What kind of test, you ask?
COME IN.
Right here, right now, I have to...
EXCUSE ME.

sleep with this man.
I SEE YOU FOUND YOUR WAY
HUH?
WELL, HE'S WEARING ZERO-UNIT'S UNIFORM MAYBE THAT'S WHERE I'VE MET HIM BEFORE...?
WEIRD, WHERE HAVE I SEEN HIM BEFORE...?
snore
flip
At first, I thought this test had to be some kind of joke..
WHAT!?
WHAT ARE YOU STANDING THERE FOR?
COME INSIDE ALREADY
Y-yes sir!

But, apparently zero-wit does a lot of undercover work...
and I soon found out that they really did test newcomers as to whether or not they could be used in honeytrap operations
DO THEY SERIOUSLY HAVE A TEST LIKE THAT!?
NO ONE TOLD ME ABOUT THIS!
WHA-?
WELL SEE
NO ONE'S GOING TO FORCE YOU THOSE WHO WANT TO TAKE THE TEST PUT THEIR OWN NAMES FORWARD
... ARE YOU GOING TO TAKE IT?
NISHIKIORI—
I TOLD YOU JUST CALL ME SHIKI
ANYWAY
Listening to that, I realised that this probably doubled as a weird test of a rookies nerve.
Pretty twisted though if you ask me.
ALL THE OTHER GUYS ARE SAYING THEY'LL TAKE IT...
I MEAN ALL YOU HAVE TO DO IS SCREW SOMEONE ONCE WHAT'S THE BIG DEAL IN THAT?
WELL, YEAH, BUT STILL...

ARE YOU GOING TO TAKE IT, ASAOKA?
BEARING IN MIND THAT IT'S TOTALLY RANDOM WHETHER YOU END UP WITH A MAN OR WOMAN
EH?
I'D HAVE TO SLEEP WITH A GUY!?
POSSIBLY...
HEY?
YES!?
DON'T ZONE OUT
WHAT'S YOUR NAME?
I'M A MEMBER OF ZERO-UNIT.
HURRY UP AND GET IN THE SHOWER.
YES SIR.
UH. IT'S ASAOKA SHINO!
...DON'T FORGET TO ADD "SIR"
Y-YES, SIR!
---Well, in the end

After all, I'd already whored myself out to men a couple of times when I was still living on the streets.
splash
TURN
Having to do it just once was no big deal
I agreed with my co-worker Nishikori
SO IT'S NOT LIKE THIS IS ANYTHING NEW FOR ME
cough
Compared to those times..
I convinced myself that doing it with a good-looking guy like this
creak

wouldn't be hard at all.
SIR.
HM?
YEAH, JUST A MOMENT.
AH...
RIGHT
LET'S GET THIS OVER WITH
SHUT
Am I like a chore or something?
ER, SURE...
UGH... THAT'S KINDA CREEPY.
THAT'S MY PROFILE.
Arsaoka Shino
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flinch
YOU DON'T HAVE TO BE SO NERVOUS
thump
thump
thump
!
IT'S NOT LIKE I'M GOING TO JUMP YOU
stare
?

He smiled...
SINCE WE HAVE TO DO THIS ANYWAY, DON'T YOU THINK IT'S BETTER IF YOU ENJOY YOURSELF A LITTLE?
FOR MY SAKE AS WELL AS YOURS
ER...
ACTUALLY, I THOUGHT MY ROLE HERE WAS TO BE THE JUMPEE...
You're kinda close
I-I GUESS YOU DON'T LIKE HAVING TO DO THIS KIND OF THING EITHER, DO YOU, SIR?
HEH
I GUESS YOU'RE RIGHT
—WELL, I CAN'T SAY IT'S MY FAVOURITE TASK
I SUPPOSE IT IS
BUT IT'S PART OF MY JOB

T-THE CHIEF SAID I COULD KEEP IT THIS WAY
knead
knead
YEAH.
I DON'T CARE ABOUT THAT WE NEED A DIVERSE RANGE OF STAFF WORKING FOR US IN ZERO-UNIT
GEEZ, AREN'T THERE SEXIER WAYS OF TOUCHING ME?
THAT'S A PRETTY UNUSUAL HAIR COLOUR DO YOU DYE IT?
AH... YES, SIR
You need to put on some more musc
HE'S HANDSOME I'LL GIVE HIM THAT
gaze
SIR...
thump
thump
HM?
I'D SAY HE'S IN HIS MID-30S SOMEWHERE...
NOW THAT I LOOK CLOSELY, HIS EYES ARE GREY...
I WONDER IF HE'S REALLY GAY...?

GET ON THE BED.
In truth,
UM... WHAT DO YOU WANT ME TO DO?
OH
TAKE YOUR CLOTHES OFF.
there's probably an underlying reason why I applied for this job.
creak
I know that
YES, SIR...

My mother was killed in a terrorist attack.
I had more reason to join zero-unit than any of the others.
I guess that's why...
A CROSS —?
TH— THEY SAID I WOULDN'T HAVE TO GET RID OF THE TATTOO EITHER —
YEAH.
YOU CAN KEEP IT. I DON'T MIND.
—SIR?
WHAT IS IT?
UM — ARE YOU GOING TO KEEP YOUR CLOTHES ON FOR THIS?
OH —

...WHEN WAS YOUR FIRST TIME?
IT TOTALLY FEELS LIKE I'M BEING EXAMINED...
When I think of that
WELL... IT DEPENDS ON WHAT MOOD I'M IN
tick
21 00
HUH?
O-OH, UM, WELL... WITH A GIRL WAS WHEN I WAS 14...
this kind of trifling test is nothing at all...
...GOD, I HOPE THIS'LL BE OVER SOON
THAT YOU'RE NOT THAT TOTALLY AVERSE TO THIS, THEN
I'LL TAKE THAT TO MEAN...
...I THOUGHT YOUR PROFILE SAID YOU WERE STRAIGHT? HAVE YOU HAD EXPERIENCE WITH MEN, TOO, THEN?
EH!?
AH, ERR... WELL~~~
ER...
WHEN I WAS DRUNK...
I can't tell him!
I SEE

creak
WEIRD...
Somehow...
this doesn't feel so bad...
ARE YOU OKAY?
FUCK—
UM...
WOULD YOU MIND TURNING THE LIGHT OFF, SIR?

JUST KEEP STILL.
IT'LL BE OVER SOON.
...
I...
I'M FINE...
...OKAY, THEN.
D...
AH...
Great.
WHOA— ALREADY!?

DON'T...!!
I JUST CAN'T DO THIS...
I-I CAN'T—
...WHAT'S WRONG?

SO WHAT DO YOU WANT TO DO?
I THOUGHT THE PURPOSE OF THIS TEST HAS ALREADY BEEN EXPLAINED TO YOU?
I-I KNOW, BUT...!
IT'S HUMILIATING! THIS SO-CALLED TEST—
WITHDRAW FROM IT?
HMM...
IF...IF I DO WITHDRAW,
WHAT'S GOING TO HAPPEN?
WHETHER I SHOULD CALL THE TEST OFF FOR NOT BEING SUITABLE TO YOU
OR JUST FAIL YOU—
I'LL NEED TO PUT SOME THOUGHT INTO IT.

OR WHETHER I SHOULD RECONSIDER IF YOU EVEN HAVE A PLACE IN THIS ORGANISATION
!
THAT THE FINAL DECISION LIES WITH ME.
SO WHICH IS IT?!
S—
...
SO WHAT WILL YOU DO ASAOKA?
PL—
WELL, LET'S JUST SAY—

I... NEED A MOMENT TO THINK
PLEASE WAIT.
creak

WHA...
toss
WHAT ARE YOU DOING!?
HOW WOULD YOU FEEL ABOUT IT IF IT WASN'T A TEST?
HUH!?
YOU HEARD ME...
WOULD YOU STILL SAY NO IF WE MADE IT SOMETHING PRIVATE BETWEEN US?
EH...

SIR..?
WOULD YOU SLEEP WITH ME THEN ?
!
WHAT DO YOU THINK YOU'RE DOING!?
ACK!
WH...
QUIT YELLING
THIS ISN'T PART OF THE TEST ANYMORE SO IF YOU DON'T WANT TO DO IT WITH ME JUST SAY SO
flomp
NH...

COME ON, KEEP STILL...
UNLESS YOU REALLY ARE AGAINST IT, THAT IS...
HMM... I WONDER WHY...?
WHY...
WHY DO YOU EVEN WANT TO DO IT WITH SOMEONE LIKE ME!?
THINK
AH...
WAIT...
HOLD ON...

MH...
Hah...
...
Haah
...
WHAT IS IT?
TH...
THIS IS—
HN...?

SO UNFAIR OF YOU...
AH!
ADULTS NEVER PLAY BY THE RULES, NEWBIE
rub
HAH
—ASAOKA
YOU SHOULD HURRY UP AND LEARN FROM OUR EXAMPLE

ARE YOU SURE ABOUT THIS?
IF YOU DON'T REFUSE ME OR PUSH ME AWAY NOW,
I'M GOING TO TAKE YOU RIGHT HERE AND NOW
Hnah...
clutch

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I'VE GOTTA TELL YOU MAN
I ACTUALLY NEVER PUT MY NAME DOWN FOR IT IN THE END
HUH—?
O-OH, THAT
I got it
...HEY ARE YOU ON YOUR WAY TO FIND OUT IF YOU GOT ACCEPTED INTO THE UNIT?
COULDN'T YOU HAVE TOLD ME THAT SOONER...?
EH!? WHY NOT!?
AW, YOU KNOW—
NO ONE WANTS TO SUBJECT HIMSELF TO SOMETHING LIKE THAT, RIGHT? THERE'RE TONS OF GUYS WHO CHICKEN OUT!
Hardly anyone go through with it.
GOOD LUUUCK!
YOU'LL BE FINE! I'M SURE YOU PASSED!!
waver
waver
MAN... WHAT ON EARTH HAPPENED THERE ANYWAY? TALK ABOUT EXTREME SEXUAL HARASSMENT
HE GAVE ME ONE HELL OF A WORKOUT THAT NIGHT...

COME IN, ASAOKA.
Zero-unit Conference room
YES, SIR
YOU PASSED.
WHICH MEANS YOU'VE BEEN ACCEPTED AS A FULL MEMBER OF STAFF
OH—
SHOULDN'T YOU LOOK A BIT MORE HAPPY ABOUT THIS?
I AM, SIR...
HANG ON, WHAT'S THIS?
*Failed the special test (one rating)
Rating Examina
SIR?
YOU GOT ONE X MARK HERE
OH, FOR THAT TEST? LOOKS LIKE YOU SCREWED UP ON THAT. HUH?
Bwahahah
—
HM?
FLIP
REALLY? LOOKS LIKE YOU PASSED WITH FLYING COLOURS TO ME
IT'S JUST THAT I WAS SURE I'D FAILED THE TESTS AND THAT I'D GET DEMOTED DOWN TO GENERAL PERSONNEL—

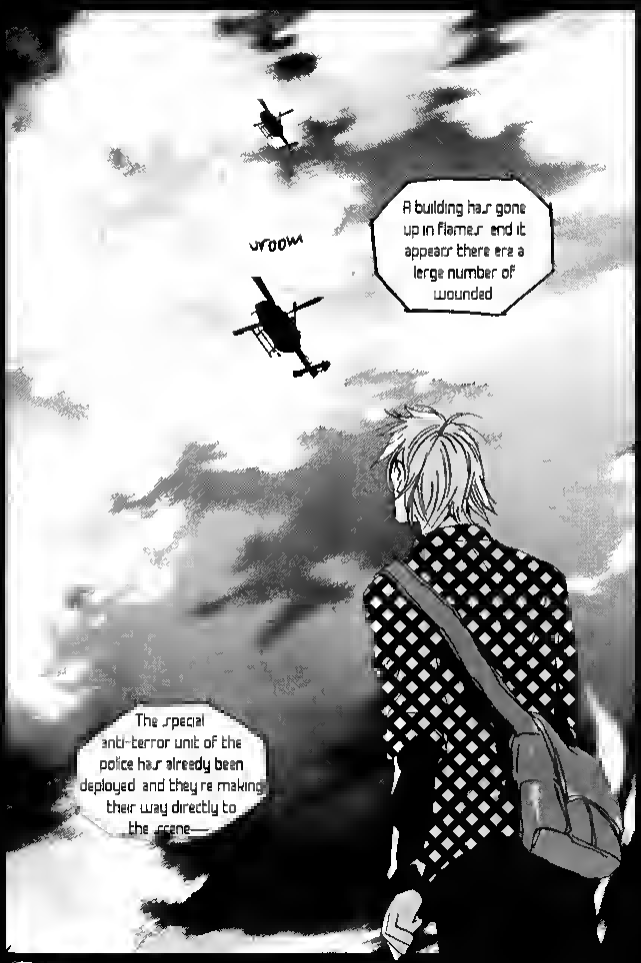
OH, COME NOW, DON'T LOOK SO PUT OUT
THERE'RE HARDLY ANY GUYS WHO PASS THAT TEST YOU KNOW.
sulk
RIGHT...
OKAY. YOU CAN GO HOME FOR NOW.
YOU'LL GET YOUR OFFICIAL LETTER OF APPOINTMENT IN A FEW DAYS.
I SUGGEST YOU USE THE TIME YOU HAVE UNTIL THEN TO DO ALL THE THINGS YOU'VE BEEN WANTING TO DO.
ONCE YOU BECOME A MEMBER OF ZERO-UNIT, THERE'LL BE A LOT OF RESTRAINTS ON YOUR LIFESTYLE.
THANK YOU, SIR.
YES, SIR...
VROOM
—Another suicide bombing threat has been received

I'm glad that I got this position. I really am, but...
HAH...
SO FROM NOW ON, I'LL BE WORKING TOGETHER WITH THAT EXAMINER GUY...
Somehow it all feels so strange...
ANGEL
Syringe
?
!
CHE!

ASAOKA,
WE MEET AGAIN.
TH...
THE EXAMINER!?
I CAN'T BELIEVE YOU FAILED ME!
HN?
---
I...
ANYWAY, I'M NOT YOUR EXAMINER ANYMORE
STARTING TODAY I'LL BE YOUR SUPERIOR OFFICER
OF COURSE, DAMN YOU!
WOULD YOU RATHER I'D HAVE PASSED YOU?
AFTER YOU HAD YOUR FUN WITH ME ALL FRIGGIN NIGHT—!

—IT LOOKED TO ME LIKE YOU GOT PLENTY OF ENJOYMENT OUT OF IT YOURSELF.
WHA—
BESIDES IF I'D PASSED YOU, YOU WOULD'VE HAD TO DO THAT KIND OF THING WITH WHO KNOWS HOW MANY OTHER MEN
IS THAT REALLY WHAT YOU WANTED?
NOT THAT YOU WOULD HAVE BEEN MUCH USE IN THAT DEPARTMENT, ANYWAY.
WHAT? WHY NOT!?
BECAUSE YOUR FACE BETRAYS ALL YOUR FEELINGS ON TOP OF THAT, YOU LET THE HEAT OF THE MOMENT SWEEP YOU ALONG WAY TOO EASILY
—SO ALL THAT STUFF YOU SAID ABOUT WANTING IT TO BE PRIVATE BETWEEN US WAS BULLSHIT TOO?

WOULDN'T YOU LIKE TO KNOW?
MAYBE I'LL TELL YOU SOMEDAY
WELL THEN I'LL SEE YOU AT THE OFFICE
CHIRIN
ASAOKA
We interrupt this program to bring you breaking news
An explosion thought to be a terrorist suicide bomber has just struck Shibuya district
PI!


A building has gone up in flames, and it appears there are a large number of wounded
VROOM
The special anti-terror unit of the police has already been deployed, and they're making their way directly to the scene—

As he stands there, gazing up at the sky, his wish can only be for one thing.

The End

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OUGON NO AME
(GOLDEN RAIN)
FIRST PART

T/N Takoyaki is a popular Japanese dumpling made of batter, diced or whole baby octopus, tempura scraps (tenkasu), pickled ginger, and green onion, topped with okonomiyaki sauce.

I'm opening my long-cherished video rental shop.
See you later
YOU'VE GOT ALL THE VIDEOS READY NOW HUH. I'LL COME BY EARLY TOMORROW TO RENT SOME
THANKS, I'LL BE WAITING.
Renting a shop in an old building on the edge of town,
WHY DON'T YOU COMPLAIN TO THE SIGN COMPANY?
That's too much of a hassle.
NAH, IT'S NOT VERY NOTICEABLE, SO I'M NOT GOING TO BOTHER.
This guy, Inoue-san, runs a tako-yaki shop next door.
He said that he quit a job as a salary man and came here from Oosaka,
and he is a kind and decent person.
Rental DVD
VIDEO
TRUE
AREN'T THE LETTERS KINDA WEIRD?
OH, A VIDEO SHOP IS OPENING SOON.
It's a small and humble shop,
but I am pretty satisfied with it.
—I guess...

takoyaki
Coke
Tea
Squash
Lemonade
150yen
5 pieces -> 100
10 pieces -> 180
15 pieces -> 550
20 pieces -> 700
HEY, HOW'S BUSINESS?
HALLO~
IT'S BEEN DEAD QUIET
SAME HERE
SERIOUSLY, TOKYO PEOPLE DON'T KNOW WHAT GOOD TAKOYAKI REALLY IS.
...YOU'LL BE FINE SINCE YOUR TAKOYAKI IS REALLY TASTY.
WELL, CAN I HAVE A COKE AND A SERVING OF TAKOYAKI PLEASE.
THE MOVIES AT YOUR SHOP ARE ALL ONES I'VE NEVER EVEN HEARD OF
TAKE A SEAT. YOU DON'T HAVE ANY CUSTOMERS OVER THERE DO YOU?
Dry Cleaning
THAT'S BECAUSE I WANTED TO SPECIALIZE IN CULT MOVIES—
ALRIGHT. BY THE WAY, WHY DON'T YOU GET MORE PORN TO RENT?
HAHAHA...
RENT
DVD

Coke,
Oyen
I'LL RENT SOME AS OFTEN AS I CAN, SO
DON'T JUST QUICKLY SHUT DOWN YOUR SHOP AND LEAVE ALRIGHT?
Ahaha
BUT THESE DAYS, PEOPLE RENT VIDEOS ONLINE
AWW I'M NOT SURE ..
HUH?
MMM YOUR TAKOYAKI IS THE BEST
IF YOU DO, THIS STREET WILL BE AS GOOD AS DEAD
SO, WILL YOU GET MORE PORN?
HAHA .
Whoosh
...?

WHAT'S WRONG?
NO... THERE'S A BOY BY THE WINDOW NEXT DOOR—
For a while now...
...AH, THAT'S A SHUT-IN KID.
HUH?
A shut-in?
HE'S ALWAYS IN THAT ROOM, STARING OUT.
I DON'T KNOW MUCH, BUT HE HAS A SUGAR DADDY, I GUESS~.
EH!?
SOMETIMES, A MIDDLE-AGED MAN GOES IN THERE.
AND IT SEEMS LIKE HE STAYS FOR THE NIGHT, SO I THOUGHT MAYBE
RIGHT..
BUT HE LOOKS UNDERAGE
ISN'T IT A CRIME?
NAH, HE COMES DOWN SOME-TIMES—
IT'S NOT LIKE HE'S BEING CONFINED, SO HE SHOULD BE OKAY.
..AW.. I-I SEE..
You're flustering
WELL, HOMOS AND GAYS AREN'T SO RARE THESE DAYS, YOU KNOW.

UH-HUH...
THAT SOUNDS LIKE RAPUNZEL...
HUH.. THE ONE FROM GREEK MYTHOLOGY?
Yeah.
IF I REMEMBER CORRECTLY, IT WAS THAT KIND OF STORY, WASN'T IT?
HE'S RATHER DANAE THAN RAPUNZEL ISN'T HE?
So he's a man's lover...
Somehow, I feel awkward—
...INDIE-SAN, PERHAPS, YOU'RE RATHER SOPHISTI-CATED?
NO WAY AS YOU CAN SEE, I'M JUST YOUR AVERAGE WORKING CLASS MAN.

—DANAE—
KING ACRISIUS BELIEVED IN PROPHECY, WHICH FORETOLD THAT HIS OWN GRANDCHILD WOULD KILL HIM. SO HE SHUT HIS DAUGHTER, DANAE, UP IN A TOWER. AFTER LAYING EYES ON THE BEAUTIFUL DANAE, ZEUS CAME TO HER IN THE FORM OF GOLDEN RAIN AND IMPREGNATED HER. SOON AFTER, PERSEUS WAS BORN
GUSTAV KLIMT
He's got a beautiful face—
HMM...
I SEE
Darling
This is with tea, too?
I WANT TO BELIEVE
UHM, HOW DECADENT—
What's his life like?

KAORU-KUN.
OPEN
OH, INOUE-SAN
I'M SORRY, BUT CAN YOU WATCH OVER MY SHOP FOR TEN MINUTES?
THE TRUCK DELIVERING MY INGREDIENTS IS STALLED AROUND THE CORNER.
NO PROBLEM LEAVE IT TO ME
CAN YOU TAKE THE ONES THAT I'M COOKING NOW OUT OF THE PAN?
YOU CAN EAT THEM ALL
OKAY.
SHUT
WHOA. THEY SURE LOOK NICE
Hot
...

H-HELLO...
...
..
...
stare
WOU-
WOULD YOU LIKE TO HAVE SOME TAKOYAKI WITH ME?
THE WEATHER'S FINE, SO YOU'D FEEL GOOD BEING OUTSIIIDE...
Squash
Lemonade
Coke
Eden
HOW WEIRD...
disappear
clank
clank
MH.
UGH

!
clank
clank
clank
TAKE A SEAT HERE
YUP
ARE YOU ALRIGHT?
clang
Let's sit
This is who we are?

...CAN I HAVE THESE?
AH
Y-YES, GO AHEAD
...His leg is crippled.
YUP.
WOULD YOU LIKE A COKE, TOO?
HERE YOU ARE.
clink
THANKS.
That's why he doesn't go out—
I'M KAORU OIKAWA.
YOU ARE?
YUUICHI.

takoyaki
So tasty
DO YOU LIKE IT?
wunch
wunch
YUP.
HUH, WHAT'S THIS?
HEY, INOUE-SAN, HOW WAS THE TRUCK?
OH, DON'T WORRY—
...!
...
Akashi Octopus

HE'S YUUICHI-KUN.
NAH
YOU'RE THE ONE FROM THE APARTMENT NEXT DOOR
HELLO...
EH!?
INOUE-SAN ..?
RENTA
D
Miso Sauce
Soy Sauce
Cheese
Tempeh
Konyaku Tofu
If you want
HOW OLD ARE YOU, YUUICHI-KUN?
TWENTY.
OH, I SEE I THOUGHT YOU WOULD BE YOUNG-ER
—I'M GONNA BRING THESE INSIDE FIRST.
OKAY
IS ANYTHING WRONG?
IF YOU CAN WATCH DVDS AT YOUR PLACE, YOU CAN COME TO MY SHOP AND TAKE A LOOK AROUND
I RUN THE VIDEO SHOP NEXT DOOR.
DO YOU LIKE MOVIES?
YUP.
NTAL DVD

HMM... HOW MUCH IS IT?
NO, DON'T WORRY. IT'S ON ME.
This is who we are?
OH, HEEEY, INOUE-SAN
YEAH
COME IN ANYTIME
I CAN WATCH THEM WITH MY COMPUTER, SO I'LL VISIT YOU SOME OTHER TIME
CAN I HAVE SOME TAKOYAKI, PLEASE
HUH? DON'T MENTION IT
THANK YOU
GOOD BYE.

I'm glad—
that he's a good, honest kid.
HE'S CUTE, TOO...
Since then,
he started popping in from time to time.
NEW
He's a very quiet kid that doesn't talk much—
but somehow, I couldn't stop caring about him.
WOULD YOU LIKE ME TO COME TO YOUR PLACE TO PICK UP THE DVD'S?
HUH...
WOULD THAT BE OKAY?
OF COURSE
IT'S NOT EASY COMING DOWN EVERY TIME, RIGHT?
YEAH...

WHOA YOU KEEP YOUR PLACE VERY CLEAN.
I CAN'T RELAX IF IT'S NOT CLEAN.
YEAH..
THAT'S AWESOME MY ROOM IS A TYPICAL MESSY ROOM
FUFU..
WHAT DO YOU DO ALL DAY?
HMM..
READ BOOKS, SURF THE WEB, AND..
I'M A TYPICAL SHUT-IN, RIGHT?
HAHA...

Is this window
what connects him to the outer world, I wonder—
THIS ONE... WAS INTERESTING.
REBECCA, IS IT?
IT WAS SO BEAUTIFUL... HAVE BEEN EVEN BETTER IF THE BURNING HOUSE SCENE AT THE END WAS IN COLOR.
I SEE
DO YOU LIKE HITCHCOCK?
YUP.
YOU SHOULD COME AND WATCH THEM AT MY SHOP.
I will
creak

HUH?
I'LL COME BACK LATER.
SEE YOU LATER, KAORU-KUN.
..? WHAT'S GOTTEN INTO HIM?
SHUT
HEY, INOUE-SAN. WELCOME
THERE'RE SOME NEW ARRIVAAALS
EW
Here we go?
rustle
MAYBE HE REMEMBERED SOMETHING IMPORTANT?
KAORU-KUN. DO YOU HAVE A GIRLFRIEND?
DO I LOOK LIKE I HAVE ONE?
Name
Address
D.o.B.
Phone Number

GIRLS MUST COME UP TO YOU OFTEN, RIGHT? AREN'T YOU BEING PICKY?
BUT STILL, YOU HAVE A NICE AND SOFT KIND OF FACE, SO—
I'm a nerd so they avoid me
I'm unpleasant
UHM. ACTUALLY, I'VE NEVER BEEN IN A SERIOUS RELATIONSHIP
...
...TRUE, YOU LOOK LIKE THE TYPE OF GUY THAT LETS SCARY GIRLS TAKE EVERYTHING FROM HIM
THEN, WANNA GO TO A CABARET CLUB?
MMM. I DON'T REALLY LIKE THOSE PLACES.
HMM. HOW ABOUT YOU, INOUE-SAN?
HOW SHOULD I PUT IT... YOU SOUND AS THOUGH YOU HAVE SOME PROBLEMS WITH YOUR PERSONALITY AS WELL AS YOUR SEXUALITY.
WELL, I DON'T HAVE ANYONE AT THE MOMENT BUT—
HUH?
...
EEEK!?
I'M ALSO STARTING TO THINK I MIGHT SWING BOTH WAYS.
I TEND TO GO WITH THE FLOW, ESPECIALLY WHEN I'M DRUNK.
SO, I'VE ENDED UP WITH ONE OR THE OTHER SEVERAL TIMES
Ahaha...

LOOK, THAT GUY—
GRAB
KAORU-KUN!
WHOA
THAT'S THE "ZEUS"
OH. YOU MEAN YUUICHI-KUN'S?
YEAH. HE APPEARS TO BE A NORMAL MIDDLE-AGED MAN.
AND WHAT'S HE DOING TO A KID LIKE THAT, HUH~?
INOUE-SAN, IT HURTS.
OH, SORRY I BETTER GO CLOSE MY SHOP, TOO.

So that's Zeus—
SEE YOU LATER!
LATER
PHEW GETTING THAT CLOSE, HE SURPRISED ME
CLOSE
and Yuuichi-kun is with that sort of guy...
I've always gone out with people half-heartedly—
Is that why I'm so anxious about him...?

HUH!?
WA!—
HEY YUUICHI-KUN, WHAT'RE YOU—!?
Thud
WHOA!
HEY, WAIT—
YUUICHI-KUN, YOUR LEG
KAORU-SAN
EH, WHY—
Uhm!
I LIKE YOU, KAORU-SAN—
CLANG

HEY..
KAORU-SAN, DO YOU LIKE ME..?
WHY—
I-I—
KAORU-SAN
I LOVE YOU—

..
YUUICHI-KUN
HUH!?
daring
X-FILES
Be right back
Scratch
...
Don't tell me
glance
!
HE'S SLACKING OFF AGAIN ~~~

THIS LEG—
I GOT IN AN ACCIDENT AND MY BONES ARE CRUSHED INTO PIECES
I HAD A SURGICAL OPERATION ONCE, BUT IT DIDN'T WORK
THEY SAID THAT IT HAS TO BE DONE SEVERAL MORE TIMES, OTHERWISE I WON'T BE ABLE TO WALK AGAIN
. DO YOU SEE A DOCTOR?
NOPE
IT HURTS AND IS HARD TO GO THROUGH. IT'S EXPENSIVE, TOO
SOMEHOW, IT MADE ME HATE EVERYTHING AND I RAN AWAY FROM HOME—
THEN I MET THAT MAN, AND HE STARTED TO HELP ME
..DO YOU LIKE HIM?
I DON'T KNOW.
I DON'T CARE WHO.
MEN OR WOMEN— AS LONG AS I'M NOT ALONE

KAORU-SAN, DO YOU LIKE INOUE-SAN?
HM...
EH!?
WHY INOUE-SAN!?
COZ YOU GUYS ARE CLOSE—
NO WAY OF THAT.
HE LIKES GIRLS ANYWAY—
IS THAT SO?
KAORU-SAN, PLEASE—
THEN WOULD YOU STAY WITH ME..?
MAYBE NOT ALWAYS.
BUT I'LL COME BACK HERE AGAIN
REALLY!?
YUP.
PROMISE?
Actually, I—

I wasn't sure whether I liked him or not,
but his words
echoed in my heart—
KAORU-KUN.
appear
ARG!
YOU SCARED ME THERE... INOUE-SAN.
WHAT ARE YOU SO JUMPY FOR?
HERE'S THE VIDEO THAT I RENTED.

OH, RIGHT. THANKS—
...I HAVEN'T SEEN HIM RECENTLY
THAT "DANAE"
OH... THAT'S BECAUSE I'VE BEEN DELIVERING VIDEOS TO HIS PLACE—
HE SAID HIS LEG'S HURTING
UH-HUH
H-HEY, INOUE-SAN.
HMM... DO YOU HAVE SOMETHING AGAINST YUUICHI-KUN...?
OH
I DON'T EVEN KNOW HIM ENOUGH TO DISLIKE HIM, BUT I DON'T THINK I LIKE HIM
SAY—
I DON'T LIKE HIS EYES
HUH?
HUH
HMMM...
EH?

THIS ONE PLEASE.
—IT'S NOTHING
NEVER MIND
I wanted to ask him for advice,
but at this rate, it's better not to ask him—
OF COURSE—

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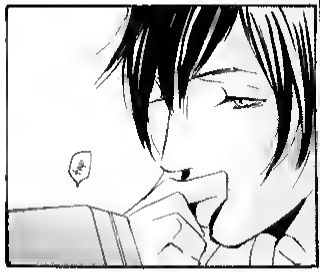
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I SEE...
NH...
N-NO, YUUICHI-KUN
YOU DON'T HAVE TO DO THIS—
HN...
HEY, KAORU-SAN.

DOES IT FEEL GOOD?
AM I GOOD AT IT..?
NH!
OH...
YE-
YEAH...
REALLY?
I-I'M SORRY.
I'LL WIPE IT OFF NOW...
HMM..
DON'T WORRY, I'LL SWALLOW IT ALL...
SHOCK
YOU CAN STILL KEEP GOING, RIGHT?
HUH ..?
EH, N-NO. WAIT—

RUSTLE
HEY.. KAORU-SAN—
DO YOU LIKE ME ..?
HUH...?
...
NH...

THEN, WILL YOU PROMISE TO STAY WITH ME
YEAH ..
FOREVER..?
REALLY?
AH..
pant
ha
pant
EH!?

IS THIS—
ABOUT INOUE-SAN!?
HEY... KAORU-SAN.
DID YOU KNOW ABOUT THIS?
ELITE BANK EMPL
EMBEZZLEMENT AND ASSAULT CASE
YEAH... I FOUND IT WHEN I WAS SEARCHING
LE-LET ME FINISH READING IT!
HIS NAME AND AGE ARE EXACTLY THE SAME, RIGHT?
HUH?
...INOUE-SAN IS SUCH A LIAR.
COZ HE TOLD YOU THAT HE WAS AN ORDINARY SALARY MAN, DIDN'T HE?

HE LIED TO YOU—
...
IT'S NOT SOMETHING THAT PEOPLE WOULD TALK ABOUT WITH OTHERS, YOU KNOW
...
SORRY, I SHOULD GO.
YOU'LL COME AGAIN, RIGHT..?
Damn.
YEAH... I WILL.
REALLY?
YUP.
So many things have happened all at once
that my head's completely messed up—
END

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## OUGON NO AME (GOLDEN RAIN)

LAST PART

AH...
WAIT...
pant
It's been several weeks since I've met him...
N— NO, KAORU-SAN—
—IS YOUR LEG OKAY?
HAAH-
AAH!
and I'm still doing this stuff.
NH...

HAAH...
HAAH
I haven't told Inoue-san anything,
not just about Yuuichi, but also about the incident—
HUH?
AWW, WE DIRTIED THE SHEETS.
AH!
DON'T MOVE.
KAORU-SAN IS SO KIND...
Creak
I'LL WASH IT AT THE LAUNDROMAT LATER.
HOW'S YOUR LEG?
Flow
A-AM I? I THINK I'M JUST NORMAL—
NOPE.
WHAT'S WRONG?

THERE WASN'T ANY ONE LIKE YOU AROUND ME
EVERYONE... WAS JUST A SCARY LIAR.
THAT'S NOT TRUE THERE'RE MANY NICE PEOPLE OUT THERE
YOU THINK SO...?
YEAH... PERHAPS YOU SHOULD GO OUT MORE OFTEN.
IS YOUR LEG REALLY OKAY?
HUH?
YOU KNOW, PEOPLE SAY THAT WHEN IT'S COLD, PAIN FROM A SURGICAL WOUND AND SUCH COMES BACK.
OH.
Y-YEAH IT'S FINE.
BY THE WAY, IS IT? YOU HAVE A BIT OF AN ACCENT, DON'T YOU? WHERE'RE YOU FROM?
HMM... FROM THE KANSAI AREA—
RIGHT.
I HAVEN'T REALLY BEEN TO THE WEST ACTUALLY.
IS IT DIFFERENT FROM TOKYO?
..EVERY-WHERE IS THE SAME, I THINK...
UH-HUH.

OH YEAH, LET'S GO SOMEWHERE FAR AWAY ONE DAY.
I'LL RENT A CAR.
CAN YOU DRIVE?
YUP. I HAVEN'T DRIVEN FOR A WHILE, SO IT MAY BE DODGY
THE LAST TIME I DROVE, I RAN OVER A DEER~
EEH!?
THE DEER DIDN'T DIE, BUT IT DID FAINT
FUFU
...KAORU-SAN
HUH?
YOU DON'T NEED TO TAKE ME ANYWHERE,
AS LONG AS YOU STAY WITH ME, I'M...
My feelings for him were...
still complicated and difficult to express in words.

IS HE STILL AWAKE...?
!
I FEEL LIKE HAVING DINNER WITH YUUICHI-KUN.
open
...
THAT OLD MAN IS THERE..
clop
I think that
"Night after night, Zeus visits Danae."

I already loved him.
Only, I was afraid to admit it—
NEW
PSHH

KAORU-KUN, DO YOU HAVE A MINUTE?
OH, INOUE-SAN.
WHAT'RE YOU DOING AT THIS HOUR?
WATCHING A VIDEO AND DRINKING.
WOULD YOU LIKE SOME?
NAH...
AWW, YOU'RE NOT FUN!
...WHY DON'T YOU DO THAT AT HOME?
JUST BEING LAZY~
YOUR PERSONALITY'S DIFFERENT FROM USUAL
IS IT?
I'M ALWAYS LIKE THIS
HALF-BAKED, INDECISIVE, AND COWARDLY—
REALLY, I HATE MYSELF
HOW ABOUT YOU ADD "GO WITH THE FLOW" TO THAT
EHEHE
I AGREE WITH THAT

...OF COURSE I KNOW.
You reek of alcohol
HUH, HOW DID YOU KNOW THAT?
OH, BY THE WAY,
DO YOU KNOW THAT YUUICHI-KUN AND I...
SURRY BUN
turn off
TALK ABOUT WHAT?
SO NOISY!
Here I have the remote
THAT'S WHY I WANTED TO TALK TO YOU ABOUT IT.
KYA-KYA-KYA-
I COULD SEE YOU TWO WERE KISSING FROM OUTSIDE.
DAMN, YOU ALREADY KNEW. CHE
MENACE
AHAHA
WHAT?!
—HOW CAN I PUT IT...
IT'S NOT LIKE THAT
THAT YUUICHI-KUN IS...
NOT SOME NORMAL KID
JUST JOKING!
OF COURSE. WHAT'RE YOU THINKING?!
AH! PERHAPS, INOUE-SAN, YOU'RE JEALOUS OF THAT KID?!
HUH? IS THIS A PREJUDICE AGAINST PHYSICALLY HANDICAPPED PEOPLE?

INOUE-SAN, YOU DON'T UNDERSTAND ANYTHING BETWEEN MEN TO BEGIN WITH
NO, I'M SAYING THAT...
ALSO, PLEASE DON'T TALK BAD ABOUT YUUICHI-KUN, EITHER
THAT'S WHY I JUST WANT YOU TO LEAVE US ALONE—
...YOU'RE WASTED
. AM I?
WELL, ANYWAY, PLEASE NEVER MIND ABOUT US
WHY? I'M ONLY A NEXT-DOOR NEIGHBOUR TO YOU
. I'M WORRYING ABOUT YOU
What am I doing?
I know that taking it out on Inoue-san is meaningless—
I...I'M CONFUSED—
CAN'T I EVEN WORRY ABOUT YOU IF I'M NOT IN LOVE WITH YOU?
...I'M NOT SAYING THAT

pull
EH—
!
snatch
Anyway let me drink
HUH?
rattle
YOUR GLASSES ARE IN THE WAY.
WH-WHAT'RE YOU DOING!
PUSH
NH...

THAT'S WHY I THOUGHT THAT IT MIGHT GIVE ME SOME CLUE.
YOU'RE THE ONE WHO TOLD ME THAT I DON'T UNDERSTAND ANYTHING BETWEEN MEN
SUSPENSE
HUH!?
WHY THE HELL DO I HAVE TO BE LECTURED BY YOU ANYWAY?!
CALM DOWN.
IS MESSING AROUND WITH ME SO MUCH FUN TO YOU?!
D..
...
Y-YOU'RE A CRIMINAL YET—
!
YOU THINK YOU'RE IN A POSITION TO TELL ME WHAT TO DO?!
DON'T SCREW AROUND WITH ME!!

I DON'T KNOW WHY YOU KNOW THIS,
BUT IT'S TRUE, YOU'RE RIGHT
I...
SORRY THAT I BOTHERED YOU
step
SHMT
the worst.
This is

...SAN?
...KAORU-SAN WHAT'S WRONG?
WHAT?!
YOU WEREN'T LISTENING TO ME, WERE YOU?
YOU'VE BEEN IN AN ANGRY MOOD... HAS SOMETHING HAPPENED TO YOU?
NO... THAT'S NOT IT...
THAT MAN... STILL VISITS YOU HERE, RIGHT...?
I JUST SAW HIM THE OTHER DAY... DO YOU STILL GET MONEY FROM HIM?
OH...
NO, ACTUALLY, I'VE ALREADY TALKED TO HIM.
HUH?!
I TOLD HIM THAT I DON'T WANT HIM TO COME HERE AGAIN.

I SAID THAT I COULDN'T KEEP ON LIVING LIKE THAT FOREVER.
THEN HE SAID THAT HE WOULDN'T COME BACK HERE AGAIN—
Y-YOU DID?!
AND WHAT DID HE SAY?
IT SEEMED LIKE HE UNDER-STOOD ME..
I'LL... TRY TO BE ABLE TO WORK
AND BE ABLE TO LIVE ON MY OWN—
...ARE YOU ANGRY WITH ME?
I KNOW IT'S NOT MY PLACE TO SAY THIS,
I SEE... THAT'S GOOD.
SO, KAORU-SAN,
PLEASE..
HUH? NO, I'M NOT.
BUT I DON'T REALLY WANT YOU TO DO THOSE THINGS

DON'T HATE ME
I..I CAN'T LIVE WITHOUT YOU
I WOULDN'T HATE YOU
EVEN IF IT TAKES TIME, LET'S GET YOUR LIFE BACK ON TRACK.
—OKAY?
REALLY?
YEAH..
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I'M SURE THAT IT HAPPENED THIS YEAR—
BOOK WEEK
THIS IS A TOUGH ONE...
—!
YAMAOSAKA HOUSE MURDER CASE
clench
I—
KAORU-KUN
YES?

SHUT
DO YOU HAVE A MINUTE?
AH, INOUE-SAN
NAH, I WAS IN THE WRONG.
OH, ERM..
I'M SORRY ABOUT THE OTHER DAY
SORRY TO BOTHER YOU
OH— YES
NO, YOU'RE NOT.
WHAT YOU SAID WAS RIGHT..
I'M SORRY FOR HIDING MY CRIMINAL BACKGROUND
AND STICKING MY NOSE INTO YOUR BUSINESS
INOUE-SAN
clang
NO, IT'S FINE..

ERM. WHY DID YOU DO SOMETHING LIKE EMBEZZLING...
DID YOU NEED MONEY?
NO. IT WAS JUST FOR KICKS.
BANKS THESE DAYS DO ALL THE TRANSACTIONS ONLINE.
IF YOU WANT, YOU CAN DO ANYTHING.
NORMALLY, COMMON SENSE STOPS YOU FROM GOING TOO FAR...
BUT I WAS YOUNG AND COCKY BACK THEN.
I TRULY THINK THAT I DID A STUPID THING. BECAUSE OF THAT, I WAS PUT IN JAIL, TOO.
SUSPENSE
...I'M NOT HERE TO TALK ABOUT IT.
YOU KNOW WHEN I WAS WORKING AT A BANK IN OOSAKA, ONE OF THEIR CUSTOMERS...
HUH?
WAS YUUICHI-KUN'S MOTHER.
WHAT?
EVERYONE KNEW HER BECAUSE SHE WAS VERY GOOD LOOKING.
AND THAT'S WHY I CLEARLY REMEMBER HER FACE, TOO...

W-WHY DO YOU THINK THAT SHE'S YUUICHI-KUN'S MOTHER?
OH,
WELL, SHE WAS MURDERED, YOU SEE
WHAT?!
IT HAPPENED MORE THAN FIVE YEARS AGO, I THINK
rustle
IT WAS ALL OVER THE LOCAL NEWS
THIS IS AN ARTICLE FROM A WEEKLY MAGAZINE BACK THEN
OGISAKA HOUSE WIFE MURDER CASE
THIS PHOTO OF HER... LOOKS LIKE HIM, RIGHT?
...THAT'S WHY YOU WERE SURPRISED WHEN YOU SAW HIM
YEAH
SINCE THEY'RE REALLY ALIKE
Murdered Sagano Kaori-san (33)
THE CRIMINAL HASN'T BEEN FOUND YET

THE ARTICLE ALSO SAYS THAT, TOO, BUT IT SEEMS LIKE THE VICTIM HAD RELATIONSHIPS WITH A LOT OF MEN
THEY SUSPECTED THAT SHE GOT INTO TROUBLE BECAUSE OF THAT...
THIS IS ONLY MY GUESS, BUT I THINK HE'S INVOLVED IN THIS CASE
ALSO, SHE HAD A SON WHO WAS HANDICAPPED
W-WAIT A MINUTE
I DON'T QUITE...
HIS NAME WAS HIROSHI... HE MUST BE 18 YEARS OLD NOW
KAORU-KUN
Y-YOU THINK THAT'S YUUICHI-KUN?
WHAT...?
SHE WAS DROWNED IN A RIVER.
AND HER SON WENT MISSING RIGHT AFTER THAT

Note: Yuuichi's "Yuu" and "Hiroshi" is the same Kanji.

KAORU-KUN,
THINK ABOUT IT CAREFULLY
B-BUT FOR SUCH A YOUNG CHILD...
HE WAS ONLY 12 YEARS OLD, AND HANDICAPPED
SO THEY THOUGHT THAT HE MIGHT HAVE BEEN INVOLVED IN THE CASE AND WERE LOOKING FOR HIM EVERYWHERE,
YET HE'S STILL NOT BEEN FOUND
IT SEEMS LIKE YOU TREAT HIM AS IF HE HAS A FRAGILE HEART,
OPEN
THOUGH HOW COULD A 12 OR 13 YEARS OLD KID HAVE SURVIVED UP UNTIL NOW?
IN ORDER TO DO SO, HOW MUCH CUNNING DO YOU THINK IS REQUIRED?
ACTUALLY, YOU MUST HAVE NOTICED SOMETHING, HAVEN'T YOU?
WHAT AM I SUPPOSED TO DO...?
...YOU CAN DECIDE ON YOUR OWN.

OR IF YOU'D LIKE TO LEAVE IT AS IS,
YOU CAN KEEP QUIET—
YOU CAN ASK HIM ABOUT THE TRUTH.
WHAT'S WRONG, KAORU-SAN?
ASKING ME TO GO FOR A WALK ALL OF A SUDDEN.
HMM... I JUST FELT LIKE WALKING A BIT

IT SEEMS LIKE IT'LL START RAINING SOON. AREN'T YOU COLD?
NO, I'M ALL RIGHT.
WHOA
A RIVER AT NIGHT LOOKS SO DARK.
SHE WAS DROWNED IN A RIVER—
. .YUUICHI -KUN.
YEAH.
IT'S A BIT SCARY, ISN'T IT?
YES?
IS YOUR REAL NAME.
SAGANO HIROSHI?

...WHY?
AM I RIGHT?
KAORU-SAN...DON'T YOU TRUST ME...?
DID YOU CHECK ME OUT? WHY?
IS IT PERHAPS THAT INOUE-SAN SAID SOMETHING?
...
...YOU DON'T REMEMBER THE CASE FROM FIVE YEARS AGO?
I DON'T REMEMBER..
DON'T KNOW
I WOULDN'T..
BUT I DON'T KNOW MYSELF
I WANT TO TRUST YOU...
BLAME YOU...
BUT EVEN IF YOU WERE,

MY MOM..
SHE WAS A BEAUTIFUL PERSON,
BUT SLUTTY AND A LIAR
ZAAAA...
SHE DIDN'T KNOW WHO MY FATHER WAS
SHE SAID THAT IT WAS TO BRING ME UP,
SHE WAS ALWAYS LIKE THAT
SHE HAD RELATION-SHIPS WITH A BUNCH OF DIFFERENT MEN AND GOT MONEY FROM THEM
BUT OF COURSE IT'S BECAUSE IT WAS EASIER TO DO THAT THAN HAVING A NORMAL JOB.
THIS LEG .. ACTUALLY, IT'S BEEN CRIPPLED FROM BIRTH
BECAUSE OF THIS, SHE OFTEN GOT TOUGH WITH ME...
I DIDN'T ASK YOU TO DO THAT!
WHY ARE YOU ALWAYS LIKE THIS?!
WHAT'RE YOU SAYING? DO YOU KNOW HOW MUCH I'VE BEEN PAYING FOR YOUR LEG?!
I'M DOING THIS FOR YOU!

I SHOULD HAVE NEVER GIVEN BIRTH TO YOU!
GEEZ YOU'RE REALLY ANNOYING
PUSH
ENOUGH ALREADY!
KYAA.
I DRAGGED HER THERE AND DROPPED HER
AND THEN I LEFT HOME AND RAN.
BUT MY HEAD WENT BLANK—AND I DIDN'T WANT TO SEE MY MOM ANY LONGER.
.BECAUSE THERE WAS A RIVER RIGHT BEHIND OUR HOUSE.
SHE FELL AND DIDN'T MOVE AFTER-WARDS—
MAYBE SHE WAS STILL ALIVE. PERHAPS SHE WASN'T DEAD.
AND I'M STILL RUNNING—

YUUICHI-KUN—
KAORU-SAN... HOW DID YOU FIND IT OUT?
INOUE-SAN... USED TO WORK AT THE BANK THAT YOUR MOM USED TO USE, AND HE REMEMBERED HER FACE...
CLOSED
NOMENE
PROFOND ROSSO
I SEE...
SO HE'S THE ONE WHO CHECKED ME OUT
HEY, KAORU-SAN..
LET'S GO SOMEWHERE FAR AWAY.
INOUE-SAN FOUND THIS OUT...
HE'LL PROBABLY REPORT IT TO THE POLICE
. I'M TIRED ALREADY...
YUUICHI-KUN...
WOULD YOU CONSIDER GIVING YOURSELF UP TO THE POLICE?
YOU WERE 12 YEARS OLD, SO YOU WON'T BE CHARGED, YOU KNOW ..?
YOU DON'T NEED TO RUN ANY MORE,
AND MAYBE YOU CAN FINALLY HAVE AN OPERATION TO FIX YOUR LEG THEN, TOO.
SO PLEASE THINK ABOUT IT.

I'LL... DO EVERYTHING THAT I CAN DO FOR YOU, TOO.
YOU WILL?
KAORU-SAN...
YEAH
YUUICHI-KUN, I...
YOU'RE REALLY KIND...
ACTUALLY, YOU DON'T LOVE ME, DO YOU?
BUT A LIAR
Plop
BACK THEN...
...WHEN YOU ASKED ME TO COME DOWN,
IT'S BECAUSE OF MY LEG, AND OTHER THINGS... YOU JUST PITY ME, RIGHT?
...HUH?

I THOUGHT THAT—
MAYBE THIS PERSON CAN SAVE ME.
YUUICHI-KUN .
BUT IT'S ALREADY OVER
I'M JUST THE SAME AS MY MOM.
I'VE ABSORBED A LOT OF FILTHY STUFF, AND LIED—
I'M NOT WORTHY OF BEING WITH YOU...
I'M NOT THAT KIND OF A PERSON. .
KAORU-KUN!
INOUE-SAN!

ZAAAH
WHAT'RE YOU DOING HERE?
ANYWAY, BOTH OF YOU SHOULD GET BACK.
YUUICHI-KUN—
clap
!

NO
I'M NOT GOING.
clatter
WHAT..?

YUUICHI-KUN!!
YOU'RE REALLY KIND.
BUT A LIAR...

Note: Lit. Noiman is how it spelled in Japanese but it can be spelled Neumann

YOU'RE ALMOST DONE WITH PACKING.
YEAH IT LOOKS EMPTY, DOESN'T IT?
AH, THANKS
HAVE SOME TAKOYAKI I'VE BROUGHT SOME FOR YOU
HEHE..
DON'T WORRY
..ARE YOU EATING PROPERLY?
HAVE THEY FOUND YUUICHI YET?
NO..
WERE YOU SUMMONED BY THE POLICE AGAIN?
YEAH...
..EVERYTHING REMAINS MYSTERIOUS AFTER ALL.
INCLUDING THAT OLD MAN'S DROWNED BODY
..IT SEEMS LIKE THEY'RE LOOKING INTO THE CASE FROM FIVE YEARS AGO.
Gchoo
ARE YOU GONNA OPEN UP YOUR SHOP AGAIN SOMEDAY?
Clatter
WELL
I'M NOT SURE

I SEE...
That's right,
everything remains shrouded in darkness.
BUT NOBODY WHO'S DIRECTLY INVOLVED IS HERE, SO—
WOW. WHAT NICE WEATHER
YEAH
LET'S EAT OUTSIDE. IT'S DUSTY IN HERE
TRUE...
CREAK
WOULD YOU LIKE TO GO TO OOSAKA WITH ME?
HEY, KAORU-KUN.
It feels as though I've been in a dream for a long time.
Nobody's there at that window.
I'M THINKING OF CLOSING UP MY SHOP, TOO

. KAORU-KUN?
HUH?!
I'LL TELL YOU LATER
WHAT WAS IT?! MY BAD, I WASN'T LISTENING...
HEHE.. I'M SORRY
~~~
I wanted to be the golden rain.
And...
I WONDER. .
WHY I COULDN'T SAVE THAT CHILD.
IF ONLY I WERE MORE RELIABLE...
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ALTHOUGH I LIKED HIM,
I COULDN'T TELL HIM PROPERLY
THAT'S WHY IT ENDED UP LIKE THIS—
I truly wanted to save him from staying trapped behind that window—
HMM...
clench
WE STILL DON'T KNOW WHETHER HE'S DEAD OR ALIVE, RIGHT?
WE'RE TALKING ABOUT THAT GUY, YOU KNOW
HE COULD BE DECEIVING SOME OTHER OLD MAN BY NOW
RIGHT
THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR EVERY-THING
sniff
WHAT? MY BODY?!
FOR NOW, I WANT TO PICK UP WHERE WE LEFT OFF THE OTHER DAY
SO TRUE.
YOU SHOULD PAY ME BACK WITH YOUR BODY~
I'M JOKING!
END

# POSTSCRIPT

## CALLING & NIGHT CALL

CALLING+NIGHT CALL

Asano Shino (19)
♥ (Trainee)
He's from the Self-Defense Forces who'll appear in the story later
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Keigo-kun (25) (Shop Assistant)
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This is my new series. The setting is in the near future...ten something years from now in Japan. So, please ignore the inconsistencies with the current police structure... (sweat) As for the time frames, Calling is a story that happens a little while after Night Call. The story continues to be focused mainly on the instructor (Assistant Chief Takano) and Shino-kun. It's released irregularly in Rejin, so please look for it, too. m(_ _)m

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If you like, please let me hear your thoughts and stuff~
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## OUGON NO AME

## 黄金の雨

GOLD RAIN

I wanted to write a gloomy story. That's how I plotted this manga. I'll leave the ending of this story up to the readers. In my opinion, Yuuichi's living somewhere else. Why did "Zeus man" die? What is the truth of Yuuichi's mother's case? Did Yuuichi tell the truth? That's right, now everything is shrouded in mystery.

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